

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly comprising at least a first and a second item of cutlery made of resilient plastics material, one of said items of cutlery being a knife having a blade, wherein each item of cutlery has a cylindrical handle and wherein the handles are shaped such that they can be nested with each other and wherein, when in such a nested condition, the handle of the first outermost item extends more than half way around the handle of the second item ~~to hold~~, thereby grasping the handle of the second item, whereby the items are held together in the nested condition.

2. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, which includes a third item of cutlery and wherein, when in the nested condition, the handle of the second item extends more than half way around the handle of the third item ~~to hold the~~ thereby grasping the handle of the third item, whereby the second and third items are held together in the nested condition.

3. (Original) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 1, wherein the handles of at least two of the items of cutlery are hollow.

4. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any~~ preceding claim 1, wherein at least one of the items of cutlery has a slit running along the length of the handle of said at least one item.

5. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any~~ preceding claim 1, wherein the ~~assembly includes a knife~~ **[[that]]** has a rib forming an

extension of the blade ~~extending~~ that extends along ~~[[the]]~~ an inside of ~~[[the]]~~ a hollow handle of the knife.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 6]]~~, wherein the handle of the knife tapers towards ~~[[the]]~~ an end of the blade ~~[[and]]~~ of the knife to expose a sharp edge of the blade.

8. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein part of the handle of the knife extends over at least part of the blade of the knife.

9. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein each item has a neck between the handle and the rest of the item, said neck being part cylindrical in cross-section.

10. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 5, wherein the assembly includes as items thereof, a spoon and a fork, the handles of the spoon and fork each having a slit running along the length of its handle and wherein the slit of the spoon handle lies in register with the slit of the fork handle when the handles thereof are nested to receive the rib of the knife so that the handle of the fork and spoon are nested within the handle of the knife.

11. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 10, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a head of the spoon and/or fork has a thicker cross-section than ~~[[the]]~~ a cross-section of the spoon handle and/or fork handle.

12. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1, wherein surfaces of adjacent handles engage when nested, ~~[[the]]~~ a
resilience of ~~[[the]]~~ walls of the handles keeping the cutlery set assembly together.

13. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 12,
wherein ~~[[the]]~~ engaging surfaces of the handles are textured to further resist slippage
of the handles when nested.

14. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a diameter of ~~[[the]]~~ an outside of the handle of the
second, ~~inner~~ item is greater than ~~[[the]]~~ an internal diameter of ~~[[the]]~~ a hollow handle
of the first, ~~outer~~ outermost item when the handles are in an ~~unflexed~~ unnested
condition.

15. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the items of the assembly ~~includes~~ include a knife, fork and
spoon.

16. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1, wherein resilient plastics material is polypropylene.

17. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the items of cutlery are formed by injection moulding.

18. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the handle of each item of cutlery nests or is nested by the
handle of another item of cutlery of the set.

19. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in ~~any~~
~~preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the handles of the items are coaxial when nested.

20. (Currently amended) A single-piece cutlery knife, made of resilient plastics material, having a blade end and a handle end, the knife comprising:

a blade having a blade end

a hollow, substantially cylindrical handle having a handle end and an inner surface, the handle[[.]] extending from the handle end of the knife towards the blade end of the blade and a rib forming a continuation of the blade, the rib being joined to the inner surface of the hollow handle and extending from the blade of the knife centrally along [[an]] the inner ~~curved~~ surface of the hollow handle.

21. (Currently amended) A knife as claimed in claim 20, having a slit running along [[the]] a length of the hollow, substantially cylindrical handle in parallel to [[the]] a central longitudinal axis.

22. (Currently amended) A knife as claimed in ~~claims~~ claim 20 [[or 21]], wherein the knife handle tapers to the blade end to expose a sharp edge of the blade.

23. (Currently amended) A cutlery set assembly comprising a first, a second and a third item of cutlery made of resilient plastics material, wherein each item of cutlery has a cylindrical handle and wherein the handles are shaped such that they can be nested with each other and wherein, when in the nested condition, the handle of the first, outermost, item extends more than half way around the handle of the second, next inner, item ~~to hold~~ thereby grasping the handle of the second item, whereby the first and [[the]] second items are held together in the nested condition and the handle of the second item extends more than half way around the handle of the third, innermost, item ~~to hold~~ thereby grasping the handle of the third item, whereby the second and third items are held together in the nested condition.

24. (Currently amended) A ~~set of~~ cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 23, wherein the first item is a knife having a blade and the second and third items each have a slit running along the length of ~~[[the]]~~ their handles and wherein the blade ~~[[can]]~~ of the knife is shaped to be located in the slits of the second and third items when the items of the cutlery are in the nested condition.

25. (Currently amended) A ~~set of~~ cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim ~~[[22]]~~24, wherein the blade of the knife includes a rib joined to and extending along ~~[[the]]~~ an inside of the handle of the knife and the rib is located in the slits of the second and third items when the items of cutlery are in a nested condition.

26. (New) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein the knife has a rib forming an extension of the blade and being joined to, and extending along, an inside of a hollow handle of the knife.

27. (New) A cutlery set assembly as claimed in claim 26, wherein in the nested condition, the rib of the knife is located in the slit extending along the handle of the at least one item of cutlery.